

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1, 6 and 8-12, which are independent, are amended without prejudice in this paper. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at paragraphs [0084].

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Citations to Figures and Specification locations are provided. However, such citations are provided merely as examples and are not intended to limit the interpretation of the claims or to evidence or create any estoppel.

As an example, support of the amendment can be found at paragraph [0084] of the Specification, which is reproduced as follows:

[0084] Then, the reader program R_PRG outputs the event IV to the above-set input processing function pointer for the event even IV, and outputs to the above-set input processing function

for the data item (V) a memory address pointer pointing for the data item (V) designated by the request REQ as an argument.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0181938 to Tsumagari et al. (hereinafter, merely “Tsumagari”) in view of U.S. Patent No, 7,149,740 to Chadwick (hereinafter, merely “Chadwick”).

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

a second routine of signaling to a data-using entity of the predetermined data that said identification data item has been detected in said first routine and outputting a memory address pointer of the predetermined data item upon a data-using entity’s request of the predetermined data item. (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Tsumagari and Chadwick, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the above identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that teaches or discloses “**a second routine of signaling to a data-using entity of the predetermined data that said identification data item has been detected in said first routine and outputting a memory address pointer of the predetermined data item upon a data-using entity’s request of the predetermined data item**,” as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, for at least the above discussed reasons, claim 1 is patentable.

As claims 6 and 8-12 recite similar or somewhat similar features with claim 1, claims 6 and 8-12 are patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

As nothing in the prior art cited in the Office Action cures the above-identified deficiencies, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Since the other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, they are also patentable for at least the same reasons. As nothing in the prior art cited in the Office Action cures the above-identified deficiencies, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections. As each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

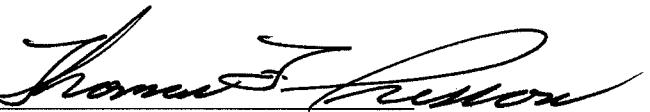
CONCLUSION

Because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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